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SUBJ: IFAD - NEGOTIATION OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ECOSOC AND IFAD

1. OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS USUN HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED THE DEPT THAT SOME ELEMENTS WITHIN THE G-77 HAVE EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE DRAFT ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD RELATE THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE ECOSOC AND ULTIMATELY TO THE UN. MORE RECENTLY, WE HAVE PASSED TO THE DEPT A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT (BYRNES-IO) PROPOSED BY IFAD AND OTHER EXISTING RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS.

2. THE DRAFT TRANSMITTED AND THE ACCOMPANYING ANALYSIS CLEARLY SEEK TO ARGUE THAT A CASE CANNOT BE MADE FOR IFAD INDEPENDENT STATUS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF THE IFIS, PARTICULARLY IBRD AND THE IMF. THE ANALYSIS ALSO QUESTIONS THE DESIRE OF IFAD TO BE ALMOST COMPLETELY BEYOND THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, AN ORGAN OF THE UN CHARTED WITH PERIODIC REVIEW OF MAJOR PROBLEM

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AND POLICY ISSUES. THE DOCUMENT ALSO ARGUES FOR AN ORGANIC LINKAGE BETWEEN THE GA, THE ECOSOC AND THE UN SYSTEM. THESE LINKAGES COULD BE AFFECTED BY (A) CLOSER TIES TO THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, (B) MEMBERSHIP ON THE ACC, (C) PROVISION FOR MANDATORY REPORTING, LINKAGES TO RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE UNGA, ETC.

3. IN OUR VIEW A NUMBER OF THESE POINTS REPRESENT SECRETARIAT EFFORTS TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO THOSE WITHIN THE G-77 WHO WISH TO ASSURE THAT IFAD IS NOW AND REMAINS A POLITICAL CREATURE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY BODIES OF THE UN.

4. THEY FURTHER PLACATE SOME MEMBERS OF THE G-77 AND OTHERS WHO HAVE NOT FULLY ACCEPTED THE IDEA THAT IFAD SHOULD BECOME A SPECIALIZED AGENCY.

5. MIN-COUN HAS DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH WITH SUDANESE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE MAGHOUB WHO WILL CHAIR THE ECOSOC NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPCOM, AMBASSADOR ABDELMUHSIN AL-SUDEARY. MAGHOUB READILY AGREES THAT THE PRIMARY CONCERN NOW IS TO MINIMIZE THESE FACTIONAL DISPUTES AND ACHIEVE A CONSENSUS ON THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE IFAD COME INTO FORCE ASAP. HE HAD HOPED TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY HERE IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE 62ND SESSION OF THE ECOSOC COMMENCING IN MID-APRIL AND HARMONIZE THE DIVERGENCIES BETWEEN ROME DELS AND NEW YORK DELS.

6. WE HAVE URGED THAT MAGHOUB FOLLOW THIS COURSE IN HOPES THAT THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT COULD RECEIVE A PRO FORMA ENDORSEMENT OF ECOSOC, THEREBY AVOIDING ANY DRAWN OUT PARLIAMENTARY OR POLITICAL DISPUTE AT THIS STAGE. MAGHOUB AGREES TO THIS TACTIC. HOWEVER, THE SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT HE IS UNEXPECTEDLY BEING DISPATCHED TO NEW DELHI FOR THE NACC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMENCING APRIL 6.

7. WE CONTINUE TO URGE THAT HE RETURN SOONEST TO NEW YORK AND THAT WE ALONG WITH THE OTHER DONORS BE KEPT FULLY APPRISED OF THE EFFORTS MADE TO REACH A CONSENSUS WITH RESPECT TO IFAD ASSOCIATION WITH ECOSOC.
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